

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 9-36 are pending in the present application. Claims 5-6 are rejected. Claims 1-4 and 9-36 are withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicant appreciates that we are believed to be very near the point of obtaining allowance of some claims. The Examiner indicates that claims would be allowable if claim 5 were amended to read so that a fusion protein is claimed and claim 6 were amended so that three sequences are present. Applicants make these changes herein in the interest of advancing prosecution and securing rapid allowance of a patent.

Fees

No fees are believed to be necessary in connection with this Response. However, if this is in error, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment, or credit any overages.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the claims are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested. If a discussion might be of assistance in resolving any remaining issues, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (201) 487-5800, ext. 114.

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